

What is Claimed is:

Self
No claimed etc party

1. A system for enabling a customer to order items from a supplier over the Internet for shipment to a client of the customer comprising:

a website operated by an administrator allowing the customer to request availability of a particular item from the supplier and to display the availability status of said particular item to the customer, said availability status including the price of said particular item;

ordering means provided on said website for allowing the customer to order said particular item; and

shipping means provided on said website for shipping said particular component ordered using said ordering means from the supplier to the client including a blind/packing slip provided with the return address of the customer.

2. The system in accordance with Claim 1 further including a first searching means for searching for said particular item using a complete particular item's manufacturer's reference number.

3. The system in accordance with Claim 2 further including a second searching means for searching for said particular item using a particular manufacturer's reference number.

4. The system in accordance with Claim 1 further including a customer log-in means for allowing the customer to log-in at a particular point in said ordering means if the customer lost an initial connection with said website.

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5. The system in accordance with Claim 2 including a customer log-in means for allowing the customer to log-in at a particular point in said first searching means if the customer lost an initial connection with said website.

6. The system in accordance with Claim 3 including a customer log-in means for allowing the customer to log-in at a particular point in said second searching means if the customer lost an initial connection with said website.

7. The system in accordance with Claim 1 further including a negotiating means for allowing the customer to negotiate a purchase price for said particular component.

8. The system in accordance with Claim 1 further including a means for tracking the status of an order placed by the customer.

9. A system for enabling a customer to order items from a supplier over the Internet for shipment to client of the customer comprising:

a website operated by an administrator allowing the customer to request availability of a particular component from the supplier and to display the availability status of said particular item to the customer, said availability status including the price of said particular item;

ordering means provided on said website for allowing the customer to said particular item; and

bonus program means included on said website for providing an incentive to the customer for ordering from the supplier, said bonus program means including a graphical representation of a sales target total and a current sales total, said current sales total approaching said sales target total in said graphical representation as additional

items are ordered.

10. The system in accordance with Claim 9 wherein said bonus program means provides the customer with a discount when said current sales total equals or exceeds said sales target total.

11. The system in accordance with Claim 9 wherein said graphical representation is a bar graph.

12. The system in accordance with Claim 9 further including a shipping means provided on said website for shipping said particular item ordered using said ordering means from the supplier to the client including a blind packing slip provided with the return address of the customer.

13. The system in accordance with Claim 9 further including a first searching means for said particular item using said particular item's manufacturer's reference number.

14. The system in accordance with Claim 9 further including a second searching means for searching for said particular item using a partial manufacturer's reference number.

15. The system in accordance with Claim 1 further including a display on said website provided with an industry certification mark for the supplier.

16. The system in accordance with Claim 9 further including a display on said website provided with an industry certification mark for the supplier.

17. A method for enabling a customer to order items from a supplier over the Internet for shipment to a client of the customer comprising the steps of:

providing a website having at least one screen connected to the Internet;
requesting by the customer, the availability, and price of a particular
item;

displaying the availability and price of said particular item on one of
the screens of said website;

ordering particular item; and

shipping said particular item from the supplier to the client including
blind packing slip provided with the return address of the client.

18. The method in accordance with Claim 17 further including the steps of
searching for the particular item using the complete particular item's
manufacturer's reference number.

19. The method in accordance with Claim 17 further including the step of
searching for the particular item using a particular manufacturer's reference
number.

20. The method in accordance with Claim 17 further including the step of
negotiating a purchase price for said particular item.

21. The method in accordance with Claim 17 further including the step of
tracking the status of the order placed in said ordering step.

22. A method for enabling a customer to order items from a supplier over
the Internet for shipment to a client of the customer comprising the steps of:

providing a website having at least one screen connected to the Internet;

requesting by the customer, the availability, and price of a particular item;

displaying the availability and price of said particular item on one of the screens of said website;

ordering particular item;

determining a sales target total price;

calculating a current sales total of the customer;

graphically representing said current sales total with respect to said sales target total; and

rewarding the customer when said current sales total equals said sales target total.

23. The method in accordance with Claim 22 further including the step of graphically representing said current sales total with respect to said sales target total as a bar graph.

24. A system for enabling a customer to order items from a supplier over the Internet for shipment to a client of the customer comprising:

a website operated by an administrator allowing the customer to request availability of a particular item from the supplier and to display the availability status of said particular item to the customer, said availability status including the price of said particular item;

ordering means provided on said website for allowing the customer to order said particular item; and

processing means associated with said website operating on a real-time basis for reserving said particular item for the customer, thereby preventing a second customer

Ad from ordering said particular item when the inventory of said particular item has been completely depleted.

25. The system in accordance with Claim 24 further including shipping means provided on said website for shipping said particular items ordered using said ordering means from the supplier to the client including a blind backing slip provided with the return address of the customer.

26. The system in accordance with Claim 25 further including a first searching means for searching for said particular item on a real-time basis using a complete particular item's manufacturer's reference number.

27. The system in accordance with Claim 26 further including a second searching means for searching for said particular item on a real-time basis using a particular manufacturer's reference number

28. The system in accordance with Claim 24 further including a customer log-in means for allowing the customer to log-in at a particular point in said ordering means if the customer lost an initial connection with said website.

29. The system in accordance with Claim 26 including a customer log-in means for allowing the customer to log-in at a particular point in said first searching means if the customer lost an initial connection with said website.

30. The system in accordance with Claim 27 including a customer log-in means for allowing the customer to log-in at a particular point in said second searching means if the customer lost an initial connection with said website.

31. The system in accordance with Claim 24 further including a negotiating means for allowing the customer to negotiate a purchase price for said particular item.

32. The system in accordance with Claim 24 further including a means for tracking the status of an order placed by the customer.

33. A system for enabling a customer to order items from a supplier over the Internet for shipment to client of the customer comprising:

a website operated by an administrator allowing the customer to request availability of a particular item from the supplier and to display the availability status of said particular item to the customer, said availability status including the price of said particular item;

ordering means provided on said website for allowing the customer to said particular item;

processing means associated with said website operating on a real-time basis for reserving said particular item for the customer, thereby preventing a second customer from ordering said particular item when the inventory of said particular item has been completely depleted; and

bonus program means including a graphical representation of a sales target total and a current sales total, said current sales total approaching said sales target total in said graphical representation as additional items are ordered.

34. The system in accordance with Claim 33 wherein said bonus program means provides the customer with a discount when said current sales total equals or exceeds said sales target total.

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35. The system in accordance with Claim 33 wherein said graphical representation is a bar graph.

36. The system in accordance with Claim 33 further including a shipping means provided on said website for shipping said particular item ordered using said ordering means from the supplier to the client including a blind packing slip provided with the return address of the customer.

37. The system in accordance with Claim 33 further including a first searching means for searching for said particular item on a real-time basis using said particular item's manufacturer's reference number.

38. The system in accordance with Claim 33 further including a second searching means for searching for said particular item on a real-time basis using a partial manufacturer's reference number.

39. The system in accordance with Claim 24 further including a display on said website provided with an industry certification mark for the supplier.

40. The system in accordance with Claim 33 further including a display of said website provided with an industry certification mark for the supplier.

41. A method for enabling a customer to order items from a supplier over the Internet for shipment to a client of the customer comprising the steps of:

providing a website having at least one screen connected to the Internet;
requesting by the customer, the availability, and price of a particular item;
displaying the availability and price of said particular item on one of the screens of said website;

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ordering particular item; and
reserving, on a real-time basis said particular item for the customer, thereby
preventing a second customer from ordering said particular item when the inventory of
said particular item has been completely depleted.

42. The method in accordance with Claim 41 further including the step of
shipping said particular item from the supplier to the client including a blank packing slip
provided with the return address of the client.

43. The method in accordance with Claim 41 further including the step of
searching for the particular item using the complete particular item's manufacturer's
reference number.

44. The method in accordance with Claim 41 further including the step of
searching for the particular item on a real-time basis using a particular manufacturer's
reference number.

45. The method in accordance with Claim 41 further including the step of
negotiating a purchase price for said particular item.

46. The method in accordance with Claim 41 further including the step of
tracking the status of the order placed in said ordering step.

47. A method for enabling a customer to order items from a supplier over the
Internet for shipment to a client of the customer comprising the steps of:

providing a website having at least one screen connected to the Internet;
requesting by the customer, the availability, and price of a particular item;
displaying the availability and price of said particular item on one of the screens

of said website;

ordering particular item;

reserving, on a real-time basis, said particular item for the customer, thereby preventing a second customer from ordering said particular item when the inventory of said particular item has been completely depleted;

determining a sales target total price;

calculating a current sales total of the customer;

graphically representing said current sales total with respect to said sales target total; and

rewarding the customer when said current sales total equals said sales target total.

48. The method in accordance with Claim 41 further including the step of graphically representing said current sales total with respect to said sales target total as a bar graph.

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